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NOTIFICATION OF PROJECT APPROVAL

PROJECT: **AEFLAG**

ACTION		AREA
	NEW PROJECT	DIVISION SR
	AMENDMENT NO.	
X	RENEWAL FY 1958	BRANCH 2
	TERMINATION	DESK Latvia
	MEMO REQUEST	

AUTHORIZATION

APPROVING AUTHORITY CPP	1 6 DEC 1957	AMOUNT []	FISCAL YEAR 1958
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CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Approved for FY 1958 renewal in the adjusted amount of **[]**.

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PP STAFF COORDINATION

PROJECT: **AEFLAG**

	AMENDMENT NO.	DIVISION
X	RENEWAL FY 58 Revision	SR
	TERMINATION	BRANCH 2
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STAFF CONCURRENCE

MEMORANDUM ATTACHED

ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	SIGNATURE	COPY NO.	DATE	YES	NO	DATE
Analysis		3				
SSA		3				
PR/OPS/PR	<i>[Signature]</i>	3 & 1	2 Dec 57			
PP/ICD	<i>[Signature]</i>	1	9 Dec 57			

APPROVAL

for CPP A/DD/P/P	SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE <i>16 Dec 57</i>
	SIGNATURE	DATE

(This space reserved for comments of SSA-DD/S; CPP; A/DD/P/P.)

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PROJECT ACTION SHEET

Latvia

D a t e: 27 November 1957

New Project / Renewal for FY 58 / Amendment # / Termination

1. Project (Cryptonym): AEFLAG (SR/2)

2. Subject (type of operation, mechanism, target):

Propaganda through Radio Nacional Madrid and a letter writing mechanism based in West Germany utilizing Latvian emigres and emigre groups, aimed at the people of Latvia.

3. This project refers to priority A , objective 2 ,

tasks b and d of the ^{German Soviet section} ~~applicable~~ RMD/ which requires (quote pertinent passage):

"2. Facilitate evolutionary changes within the USSR... To this end, increase popular demands for greater freedom...; aggravate frictions... between Soviet and Satellite parties and governments;... (keep alive Soviet issues)..."
"b. Disseminate facts... to the Soviet people inside the USSR through effective covert media..." "d. Utilize selected emigre organizations for propaganda and political action."

RMD for Spain, priority B, objective 2 is also applicable: (See page 4.)

4. If the priority noted in reply to #3 above is not "A", are the other, higher priority objectives adequately taken care of -- or impossible to achieve at present -- so that this project aimed at a lower priority target is sufficiently justified?

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5. Does the project cover the entire task described in question 3 above?
If not, which part of the task is actually covered by the project?
(Are, in your opinion, more important parts of the task left uncovered?
If so, why?)
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This project covers the task as it relates to one Baltic country, Latvia. It should be noted that the use of emigre organizations for psywar purposes has been under study, and although not finally resolved the trend is toward de-emphasis of this past approach. In regard to the Spanish RMD, AEFLAG again covers the task insofar as that is possible through supporting broadcasts to one Soviet Republic.

6. Are there other projects, beside this, which cover the same task or reach essentially the same target? If so, list them and state whether this means unnecessary duplication or justifiable division of work and/or a desirable supplementary effort? (If you consider this to be duplication, explain which project should be eliminated or re-directed or whether two or more projects should be merged, or any other applicable remedial action).
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The same target is reached through the mailing project of TPTONIC. This IO Division project only supplements one part of AEFLAG, the mailing program, and differs from it in that the mail is attributed in the main to other than Latvian sources. Further, the IO project includes many countries and does not concentrate on the Latvian people with the individual attention given to it by AEFLAG.

7. Progress and development of the project during the last 12 months
(include major changes in operating conditions or policies):
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The placement of a contract agent in the Latvian section of Radio Nacional Madrid has resulted in an improvement of the 15-minute daily broadcasts to Latvia and in better response to guidances on themes and substance. The creation and development of the mailing project from West Germany made exploitation of the translated UN Report on Hungary, possible on a more thorough scale. The Djilas book is also being translated in headquarters and will receive substantial distribution in Latvia shortly. The mailing list now contains names in the four figures.

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8. Additional Comments:

The Institute of Latvian Culture (ILC), the cover organization created and controlled by us, is maintained as an organization of the FI project AEMARSH in West Germany. It is organized in such a fashion that control is exercised through individuals (contract agents) and therefore avoids the problems of organizational control and emigre politics. Guidance of the radio program is effectively exercised through direct contact of the headquarters case officer with the Principal Agent (an executive officer of the ILC) and on the spot direction by a staff agent (in project QUICKLIME) who is editor-in-chief of the East European Section of Radio Nacional. The mailing project, started in December 1956 - January 1957, includes individual letters written by Latvians as well as books and pamphlets of particular relevance to the Latvian people. In March 1957 ICD stated that the program should continue and that ICD would make a study to see by what means both the program and technical effectiveness of Radio Nacional might be improved (for FY 1959). Although small in volume, response to the radio program and monitoring of that program provide some evidence as to its effectiveness. The content of the programs is sensitive to current world wide news of particular relevance to the Latvian situation.

- R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S
- A. This project action should be -- approved / disapproved / approved under the following conditions (with the following modifications):
- B. Additional action suggested (e.g. advice for the operating division, request for additional information and/or redocumentation, special staff support, future reassessment, or the like):

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PP/OPS/PR Area Officer (Name typed
and signed)

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C o n c u r:

	Initials	Date	Remarks
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3. Continued ---

"Continue to exploit the foreign broadcast facilities of Radio Nacional and to improve, without impairing their Spanish flavor, the effectiveness of their broadcasts to the Sino-Soviet bloc."

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PROJECT FINANCIAL DATA		PROJECT CRYPTONYM AEFIAG			
		FISCAL PERIOD COVERED 1 July 195 7 THRU 30 JUNE 195 8			
*MAY NOT EXCEED SECRET CLASSIFICATION					
RESPONSIBLE STAFF OR DIVISION SR Bkt Division		CASE OFFICER []			
A. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS					
Indicate number and type of personnel required and estimated total compensation for salary, allowances, travel and related employee benefits. Include everyone paid from project.					
TYPE	NUMBER		ESTIMATED COMPENSATION		
	U.S. PERSONNEL	FOREIGN NATIONAL	BASE SALARY	ALL OTHER	TOTAL
STAFF EMPLOYEES				Qtrs.	
STAFF AGENTS					
CAREER AGENTS	1		6,000		6,000
CONTRACT AGENTS		1	6,000	1,125	7,125
CONTRACT CONSULTANTS					
DETAILED PERSONNEL					
FIELD AGENTS		2	1,800		1,800
MILITARY					
ALL OTHER					
TOTAL A.	1	3	13,800	1,125	14,925
B. SUPPLIES, MATERIEL AND EQUIPMENT					
Indicate amount required in applicable spaces. Attach complete supporting list for each.					
COMMO \$	CHEMICAL \$	QUARTERMASTER SUPPLIES \$		OTHER SUPPLIES \$	
MEDICAL \$	ORDNANCE \$	SPECIAL DEVICES \$		OTHER EQUIPMENT \$	
TOTAL B.					
C. OTHER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES					
Indicate volume and nature of expenses such as (1) maintenance of two operational houses abroad (2) spot purchase of information, etc.					
<div style="float: right; text-align: right;"> Operational travel Purchase of scripts Purchase of information. Entertainment Office expense </div>					
TOTAL C.					
D. SUBSIDY OR PROPRIETARY PAYMENTS					
If funds are to be turned over to individuals or groups in large lump sums to be expended by the individuals or groups at their discretion to accomplish an agreed-upon objective, explain the type of financial accounts, factual verification or statements, if any, other than a receipt for the lump sum, which will be obtained.					
NOTE: Additional [] available within SR Division's FY 1958 funds.k					
TOTAL D.					
TOTAL FUND REQUIREMENTS (A + B + C + D) \$ []					

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E. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

APPROXIMATE DATES AND AMOUNTS OF MONEY REQUIRED

FORM REQUIRED

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U. S. DOLLARS

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FOREIGN (SPECIFY)

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NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS (SPECIFY)

SPECIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OR METHODS OF TRANSMISSION

F. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

(Within security limitations, list any other facts or circumstances which will enable Special Support Staff to lend adequate logistical support to this project. Indicate specificationally the "RUSH" or "TIME" factors involved.)

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